



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Minutes of June 20, 2007

The Professional Standards Advisory Board met at the Department of Education, Riley Room, 151 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Board members present included John Hill, Russell Hodgkin, Gertrude Howard, Michael Jones, David Kinman, Nancy Kuyoth, Kathy Parks, Suellen Reed, and Roy Weaver. Albertine Dent, Mike Horvath, Mike Lewis, Elise Matthews, and Marilyn Metzler were unable to attend.

Staff members present included Janell Athalone-Afrika, Donita Ashbrook, Terri Banks, Becky Bridges, Ray Graves, Katie Martin, Robin Meyer, Mary Glenn Rinne, Shawn Sriver, Kent Stoelting, and Debby Williams.

I. Call to Order

It was established at the beginning of the meeting that Dr. Roy Weaver would act as temporary Chair for the June meeting.

Dr. Roy Weaver called the discussion session of the Professional Standards Advisory Board to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Teacher of the Communication Disorder—Bob Marra, Associate Superintendent, Division of Exceptional Learners

Dr. Marra explained the handouts he gave to the board members regarding speech, language pathologists. In 2005, there was a bill passed by the General Assembly that limited the ability for the Professional Standards Board to give out emergency permits under speech, language pathologists (SLP). This created a shortage in this field. In the 2007 General Assembly, SB 451 was passed and reinstated the ability of the Professional Standards Board to issue emergency permits.

The results of a survey of public schools in Indiana last year show there are 85,963 children needing speech services with 1,214 licensed SLP's. There were 109 unfilled speech positions. Those employed with an emergency permit helped fill this gap, but were not as involved with the children and staff as deeply as those who were employed as a SLP with the school.

A Speech, Language Assistant (SLA) does not have enough incentive with their pay level to work in schools. They would be paid as paraprofessionals.

Dr. Marra stated he would like the Board to look at creating a license where teachers who have a SLP with a reading background and a bachelor's degree may start working in the schools and help children for a period of time while working on their master's degree. Special Education is a broad category and children with learning disabilities usually have a reading disability or language issue, and the creation of such a license may address more than just the area of communication disorders. The main objective is to help with the shortage of SLPs and help increase student achievement.

Dr. Marra addressed questions from the Board.

Shawn Sriver explained to the board the previous history of requirements for licensure. When Rules 46-47 was created in the mid 70's, the license for speech, language and hearing clinician required a master's degree. When Rules 2002 was created, there was discussion with the Communication Disorders committee and the decision was for this license to be a teaching license rather than school services license, although the requirement of a master's degree was retained. Emergency Permits were allowed under this rule.

III. Amendments to 515 IAC 9-1-19 through 515 IAC 9-1-26, Instructional, Administration, and School Counseling Emergency Permits –Ray Graves, Assistant Director of Licensing

Dr. Graves stated there was a recommendation from the staff regarding the above rules for emergency permits. There have been certain circumstances that have prevented a teacher from completing six hours for renewal of their permit. Typically, the cause has been due to a class being cancelled or a teacher having a medical emergency. An extension for a maximum of two years is recommended for these circumstances only. A letter from the licensing advisor and/or doctor stating the circumstances will be required.

Dr. Graves addressed questions from the Board.

IV. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Heimlich Maneuver Certification – Shawn Sriver, Director, Division of Professional Standards

Mr. Sriver explained the new rule the General Assembly passed regarding CPR certification. Effective July 1, 2007, applicants requesting an initial teaching license or permit must complete the requirements for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Heimlich maneuver certification. A letter providing information on this certification has been sent out to all superintendents, principals, directors of special education, licensing advisors, charter schools, and unit heads.

The statute indicates that the certificate must come from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or a comparable organization approved by the advisory board. The Professional Standards Board staff is recommending that the board approve additional organizations as listed in

Discussion Agenda IV. This will allow more flexibility for applicants. This will be voted on during Business Session of meeting.

Mr. Sriver addressed questions from the Board.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Roy Weaver adjourned the discussion session at 10:45 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

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Staff members present included Janell Athalone-Afrika, Donita Ashbrook, Terri Banks, Becky Bridges, Ray Graves, Katie Martin, Robin Meyer, Mary Glenn Rinne, Shawn Sriver, Kent Stoelting, and Debby Williams.

Mike Horvath was on speaker phone during this session to have a quorum.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Weaver called the business meeting of the Professional Standards Advisory Board to order at 10:55 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda – Action

The motion was for recommendation for approval of the agenda with an amendment to table Item I. until the September meeting.

Dr. Hill called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes – Action

Ms. Parks moved and Dr. Kinman seconded the motion to approve the March 21, 2007, board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Comments

A. State Superintendent of Public Instruction –

Dr. Reed stated she came back from the first regional kindergarten meeting where there were approximately 200 teachers present. There are two additional meetings scheduled and she was encouraging administrators to be present to help provide information for all day kindergarten activities. In two years there will be an evaluation of this system and hopefully we will be able to provide kindergarten all day statewide.

Dr. Reed stated the legislature did not pass the mentor stipend bill. We are still requiring every beginning teacher to have a mentor in order to obtain a license. She is open to suggestions on funding for this.

B. Chair

Dr. Weaver did not have any comments.

C. Division Director

Mr. Sriver stated that all institutions have received initial Teacher On-Line System (TOLS) training during May. Special recognition was given to Terri Banks, Brian Creighton, Ray Graves, and Robin Meyer for providing an excellent training packet and training eight small groups. We received a lot of positive feedback from the licensing advisors. So far we have received 390 license applications on-line. The system for substitute permits and IMAP hopefully will be ready to go on-line by August 1. The emergency permits will be more complex and will take longer to place on-line.

A partial payment of \$330 has been mailed to all mentors. Mr. Sriver gave special recognition to Debby Williams for helping to facilitate this. She is also involved in portfolio scoring at Lawrence Central High School.

Between May 1 and June 15, our Help Desk had answered 4,994 calls (an average of 170 calls per day) and made 546 calls. They answered 1,131 e-mails (34 per day). We processed 5,814 licenses for an average of 176 per day.

V. **Division Business**

A. New Program Approval (Generalist: Early Childhood)- Indiana University at Kokomo-Action

Dr. Mary Glenn Rinne presented to the Board recommendation of a new program approval for Preschool/Early Childhood program for Indiana University at Kokomo.

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kinman abstained.

B. New Program Approval (Master of Science in Education) –Indiana University at Kokomo - Action

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kinman abstained.

- C. New Program Approval (Fine Arts: Visual Arts) – Indiana University at Kokomo - Action

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kinman abstained.

- D. New Program Approval (Generalist: Early Adolescence) - Indiana University at Kokomo - Action

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kinman abstained.

- E. New Program Approval (Generalist: Early Childhood) – Indiana University-Southeast - Action

Recommendation is for a new program approval for Preschool/Early Childhood program at Indiana University-Southeast.

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for 515 IAC 9-1-30, Visiting Teacher Permit - Action

Recommendation is to approve the posting of the Notice of Intent for the Visiting Teacher Permit. This is for international teachers who participate in the visiting teacher program to teach temporarily while under a permit.

Ms. Parks called for a motion to approve and Dr. Hodgkin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for Amendments to 515 IAC 9-1-19 through 515 IAC 9-1-26, Instructional, Administration, and School Services Emergency Permits – Action

Mr. Sriver noted the extensions are for all emergency permits mentioned above.

Dr. Hill called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for IAC 9-1-31, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Heimlich Maneuver Certification - Action

Mr. Sriver noted this will allow greater flexibility for obtaining this certification.

Dr. Kinman expressed concern regarding the Special Education teachers may already be gone for the summer, may not get this information in time for licensure.

Ms. Parks called for a motion to approve and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for 515 IAC 8-1-50, Teacher of the Communication Disorder – Action

This item has been tabled till the September 2007 meeting.

J. Re-adoption of Rules – Action

Mr. Sriver explained that every seven years, rules need to be re-adopted. There are no changes in the rules.

Ms. Parks called for a motion to approve and Dr. Kinman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Meeting Dates for 2007-2008 Advisory Board of the Division of Professional Standards – Information

Following are the dates for the 2007-2008 Advisory Board meetings:

September 25, 2007 (Tuesday)
 December 11, 2007 (Tuesday)
 March 19, 2008 (Wednesday)
 May 7, 2008 (Wednesday – Make-up date or emergency only)
 June 18, 2008 (Wednesday)

VI. Other

Dr. Reed presented to Dr. Dave Kinman the Bell Ringer award and the Distinguished Hoosier award for his exemplary service.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments

VIII. Approval of Expenses – Action

Mr. Jones moved and Ms. Howard seconded the motion to approve the expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adjournment – Action

The business meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

List of Attendees

The following attended the discussion session and/or business meeting:

Name**Organization**

Vina Kinman

Guest

T. J. Oakes

Purdue University – West Lafayette